

## DBQ lesson.notebook

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before you sit down

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## Document Based Essays

- \* A small version of a research paper
  - documents are used as evidence and are cited in-text (Doc. 2)
- \* The docs *should* provide the basic info to answer the question
  - What *you* know is considered outside information and is GOOD!

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## Document Based Essays

- \* Format is normal
  - Intro with historical context & thesis
  - Body paragraphs that begin with a topic sentence followed by evidence
  - Conclusion paragraph that summarizes it all

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**Historical Context:** The first Europeans of the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> centuries who explored the Americas were looking for a water route to Asia in order to get spices, silks and other riches. Though few explorers found a water route to Asia, their voyages led to the discovery of "new land" in the Western Hemisphere. Once it was discovered, more and more explorers continued to venture out to this New World.

**Question:** Using the documents provided and your knowledge of social studies, write a well-developed essay explaining the reasons European explorers came to explore the land in the Western Hemisphere.

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- Spanish explorer, 1548

"A world awaits the Christianizing efforts of the Church in a land far away where heathens [non-Christians] live a barbarous life with no regard to the laws that guide all good Christian men. We will rescue these lost souls and win them to the Holy Church."  
- Spanish Cardinal Trilini, 1598

"Spices, precious gems, and increases of immeasurable loads will make the pockets of the merchants grow full as luxuries from new lands are brought here in mass from distant lands."  
- European merchant, 1500

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Doc. 1  
"The lands beyond the sea hold vast fortunes for those with the courage and bravery to accept the challenge. A new world awaits the man whose longing for the voyage to discover and claim new lands is overcome by nothing but his eagerness to depart this land."  
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**Motive:** Glory - both for the individual explorer and the nation

**Source:** He is an explorer and has likely experienced this himself.  
He is from Spain, a nation that has been actively involved in exploration (Columbus)

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Doc. 2  
"A world awaits the Christianizing efforts of the Church in a land far away where heathens [non-Christians] live a barbarous life with no regard to the laws that guide all good Christian men. We will rescue these lost souls and win them to the Holy Church."  
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**Motive:** To convert non-Christians to the Catholic Church

**Source:** He's a high-ranking church official, so bringing people to the church is his job.  
He is saying this at a time when the religious unity of Europe has been broken and the Catholic Church has lost a lot of people. He may want to replenish the membership.  
He's Spanish - Spain was very dedicated to the Catholic Church

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Doc. 3  
"Sugar, spices, precious gems, and increases of immeasurable loads will make the pockets of the merchants grow full as luxuries from new lands are brought here in mass from distant lands."  
- European merchant, 1500

**Motive:** Exploration is profitable!

**Source:** The source is a merchant who has likely seen first-hand how profitable these new things are.

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### Introduction

- \* Historical context information
- \* Thesis statement that clearly addresses the question (causes of European exploration)

The 15th and 16th centuries were a time of many new ideas and discoveries. In addition to the Renaissance and Reformation, Europeans also embarked upon an age of exploration in search of new things. Three reasons that European explorers came to the lands in the Western Hemisphere include the quest for Gold and Glory, and to spread Christianity.

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### Body paragraphs - one for each topic

- \* Begins with a topic sentence that links to the thesis
- \* Includes evidence from the (document) as well as from your head
- \* Includes document analysis (Point of View, Context, Audience, Purpose, Source)

Profit and wealth was one motive for European exploration to the new world and other places. New items such as spices and gems enabled merchants to make great profits back home (doc. 3). This source (Doc. 3) is identified as a merchant, so he would likely have experienced the profits and wealth first hand, making this a reliable source of information. Some products that came from the new world to Europe included sugar, potatoes, and tomatoes - all crops that were welcomed by the people there.

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Acquiring control of different areas of the globe gave Europeans a sense of power and glory in the 15th and 16th centuries and was another motive for exploration. Spanish exploration, often funded by the monarchs, had produced the discovery of the Americas by Christopher Columbus in 1492, and later the establishment of colonies in the Americas by Spain and Portugal. Exploration during this time was full of danger since navigation and sailing technology was still limited. Those who endured often greatly profited (doc. 1) and found the opportunity to venture out into the unknown as an act of bravery and courage. (Doc. 1) Since this source was an explorer himself, he may be bragging a bit to make himself sound more admirable. However, it was truly a difficult task, so such explorers were likely very much admired.

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The 16th century Protestant Reformation brought an end to the religious unity of Europe and in some cases led the Catholic Church to seek out new members to replenish its membership. The desire to expand its members combined with newly discovered lands and people led the Catholic Church to actively seek to convert non-Christians to the Holy Church. Cardinal Trilini (doc. 2) speaks of non-Christians as living a barbarous or uncivilized life. As a high ranking member of the clergy, the cardinal reflects the view that the Catholic Church is the only true church, a view one would expect from a person in such a position. It is his job to promote the Catholic Church.

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### Conclusion - Summarizes the essay (in case you were not paying attention . . .)

Due to technological developments such as the caravel sail, magnet compass, and astrolabe, Europeans were able to explore the world. In doing so, they often came upon lands that offered them great rewards in the form of spices, crops, wealth, and national glory. In the case of the western hemisphere, Europeans sought wealth, glory, and new Christians as they explored and claimed the vast new lands.

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**Homework:**  
**Write DBQ and submit to**  
**Turnitin.com by Tuesday**  
**Ch. 14 1 & 2**  
**Finish for Monday**

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